

EASTLAND DISASTER PROBABLY CAUSED BY NEW ENGINEER

Man Controlling Ballast Admits He Could Not Remove Water Quickly Enough—At Post Only Two Days.

CHICAGO, July 28.—The assistant engineer, whose duty it was to keep the water tanks of the Eastland filled, according to the emergency record, admitted that position two days when the boat sank, and no one had ever bothered with him instructions as to the manipulation of the levers controlling these tanks.

At the same time that the inquest opened this morning, 699 victims of the disaster Saturday were being borne to their graves. The rain was falling in torrents and made the sight of draped caskets and haycocks hastily converted into hearses even more gruesome.

HAD DIFFICULTY WITH TANKS. When Snow took the stand, State's Attorney Sullivan asked him:

"Isn't it a fact that the Eastland's water-ballast tanks were emptied so that she got to starboard, that is, toward the black port tanks were filled, but that when the crowd got on and she began to port, that is, toward the white port tanks were unable to let the water out enough?"

"I hesitated long over the question, and I don't know," he finally said.

"How long were you employed on the Eastland before you were put in charge of the water-ballast machinery?"

"Two days."

"Did you ever ask or receive any instructions how to run them?"

"No," said Snow.

REDFIELD CLEARS INSPECTORS. While Snow was being questioned, Secretary of Commerce Redfield gave the Federal Steamboat Inspectors who were at the Eastland a clear bill of health following an examination conducted by him last Saturday's disaster.

The secretary questioned the inspectors detailed on the boat with great care. He made signs, specifically, as to the number of persons permitted on board on the fatal morning. They answered that 300 persons were checked in on their automatic counters, and stated that each in arms was counted as one person.

"I see no reason why any fault for the disaster should be placed on these men," said the secretary, "and to me blame from their own testimony."

The Cook County Grand Jury continued its hearings all day, and there were rumors that indictments to the number of 10 would be returned by night, and that arrests might be made.

Coroner Peter Hoffman was particularly anxious to have more light thrown on conditions which prevailed for the 17 minutes that the boat was listing. He demanded to see the question of why the passengers were not warned at least 10 minutes before the great ship finally toppled over, carrying more than 100 to death.

ALL FRICTION REMOVED. Possibility of friction between State and Federal authorities, fear of which developed yesterday, was eliminated today, when the Federal Justice Department officials and county authorities reached an agreement regarding witnesses and evidence, especially that of a documentary nature. It was learned that high Federal officials, after a conference with Hoffman, told him they would give him access to all their evidence.

The special Federal Grand Jury ordered by Federal Judge Landis is ready to begin its part of the Eastland investigation tomorrow morning. With Secretary of Commerce Redfield in personal charge of the Government's inquiry, and with the Grand Jury pledged to turn all its evidence over to the Federal authorities, important results are predicted.

A revision of the list of missing, compiled by the Western Electric Company today, showed that 106 persons were still unaccounted for. There were 825 identified bodies listed at the 2d Regiment Army Morgue, and five unidentified bodies remained in the army. The total number of possible dead, today, was 1336.

The body of William Holt was taken from the river a short distance below the sunken hull of the vessel by the crew of a police motorboat.

WRECKERS COMMENCE WORK. The hunt of the divers working on the Eastland was interrupted today while the crew of the wrecking ship *Freight*, of Cleveland, came alongside and made preliminary arrangements to right the overturned ship. Wreckers estimated that it would take many days, possibly two weeks, before the Eastland could be turned far enough to permit a thorough search for the dead who are believed to be held inside the hull.

The search of the Eastland hull and the nearby all day yesterday yielded four additional bodies.

RAIN FALLS ON FUNERAL PROCESSIONS IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO, July 28.—Under streaming rain, Chicago buried its dead today. The hue and cry for the guilty of the Eastland catastrophe was muffled for the day. In its stead the bells of a hundred churches tolled a city's sorrow.

The pastors that funeral ceremonies were, by sheer necessity, conducted over groups of bodies. At St. Mary's, Mass was chanted over 30 bodies. At Mary Queen of Heaven Church, 20 bodies received their final rest of religious attention. Bishop Rohde, of Green Bay, with 20 assisting priests, conducted the ceremonies over the dead at St. Mary's of Czeskowska's Church. Fraternal organizations had charge of many funerals.

Conventional means of conveying the dead to their last resting places proved to be hopelessly inadequate. Hearses were quickly exhausted. As were electric and steam funeral cars. Many of the sad processions were led by coal, gas and express vans swathed in crepe. A hayrack carried 12 coffins to a Polish cemetery.

Another tragedy came in the wake of the Eastland disaster. Little Emma Vasilev, 5 years old, fell beneath a funeral automobile in which her father had gone to attend the burial of Miss Anna Kouki, 18, one of the Eastland victims. Emma was killed.

WHO'S BOY IS THIS? Nobody has yet claimed the remains of a little yellow-haired boy of 11 years, who was one of the first recovered from the wreck. Beside him, in the Morgue, lie the bodies of four men and women. Maybe one of them, at least, is his parent.

The big blanket that enshrouded his form was replaced today by a white sheet, and on top of this was piled a ragged, brown knickerbocker suit, stockings, with holes in the knees, and a pair of black sneakers. In the pocket of the trousers was found a Barlow knife, but the blades are rusty now.

It is four days since the Eastland tragedy, and of the thousands that have passed down the aisles of the dead, not one has ever seen this little lad in life. He will have to be buried tomorrow. But he is going to have a decent burial, for a man, who lost a boy seven years ago, has offered a place beside his own son for the little unknown.

U. S. S. FLORIDA A ROMANCE SHIP AS WELL AS SEA TERROR. Petty Officer and Young Woman He Met on Board Marry Today.

A romance, which began among the big 14-inch guns on the United States battleship Florida, one Sunday last August, will culminate this afternoon with the marriage of Anna May Oldham, 254 North 4th street, to George Le Roy Talmadge, chief petty officer and wireless operator on the battleship.

Miss Oldham, who is 19 years old, went to League Island last summer with a party of friends to visit the battleships lying at the navy yard. She was introduced to Talmadge by a friend, and a mutual interest developed at once.

Talmadge offered to show her the battleship, with the wireless room, the big guns and all its mysterious parts. By the time they had finished their trip of inspection their future had been settled.

The ceremony will be performed at 5 o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. Father Edward Hawk, at St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, 8th and York streets. A reception will follow at the home of the bride, and the couple will then take a trip to Atlantic City and New York.

Talmadge, whose home is in Seattle, Wash., has secured a 30-day leave of absence from the battleship, which is now at Newport. Emery Frowman, who is also a petty officer on the Florida, came with him to Philadelphia to act as best man at the wedding. The bridesmaid will be Miss May Tinney.

ACCUSED OF NEGLECTING BABY. Man and Woman Sentenced for Mistreating Child, Released Later.

On a warrant sworn out by the Society for the Protection of Children from Cruelty at 2510 Oxford street, Mr. and Mrs. George Cook, boarders at the same address, were arraigned before Magistrate Grells in the 25th and Oxford streets police station this morning, accused of cruelly treating and neglecting their 10-month-old infant.

According to Mrs. Cook, the parents failed to clothe and feed the child properly, neglecting it for days at a time, and yesterday she notified the Society for the Protection of Children from Cruelty when she found the child on the floor naked, its body bleeding and bruised from the effects of a whipping.

Magistrate Grells at first sentenced them to a prison term, but later discharged them at the instance of Leon Samuels, an agent of the society, who promised to see that the child was properly cared for.

WILL SIGNATURE GENUINE? Register Admits Testament of James W. Hendricks to Probate.

Testimony to prove the validity of the signature of the late James W. Hendricks on a will of the deceased was taken by the Register of Wills today, when that document was offered for probate.

The dispute over the signature arose from the fact that the testator signed the will in the presence of witnesses which shows the document to be his last will and testament, rather than at the end of the will, as is customary.

The testimony of James Jones and the latter's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Green, who was with the testator at the time he established the authenticity of the signature and the will was admitted to probate.

The estate is valued at \$500, the bulk of which is divided among brothers and sisters. The will, however, gives \$200 to the Allentown and Lehigh County Society to Protect Children From Cruelty, \$100 to the Pennsylvania Society to Protect Children From Cruelty and the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and \$100 to the Allentown and Lehigh County Society to Protect Children From Cruelty.

The will of James Nico, late of 180 East Bucking street, Philadelphia, was taken probate in a number of small bequests was admitted to probate today.

The will of Thomas G. Lumley, of 1673 Dyer street, was also admitted to probate today. It disposes of a \$2500 estate. The estates of William R. Packard and Mary Louder have been appraised respectively at \$2525.90 and \$2773.50.

WILLIAM H. NOLL FOUND DEAD. General Deputy U. S. Revenue Collector Expires During Night.

William H. Noll, general deputy United States revenue collector, was found dead in bed early today from heart disease at his home, 1329 Toga street.

Noll, who was a brother of Oscar Noll, 234 North Park avenue, Republican leader of the 37th ward, had been in the revenue service 19 years and was formerly an inspector in the health department. He was an expert in oil-margarine frauds and about a month ago returned from Columbus, O., where he worked on the \$1,000,000 case of the Capital City Dairy Company. Besides his brother he is survived by three sisters. The funeral will be held Saturday.

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BECKER TO KNOW HIS FATE THIS AFTERNOON.

Justice Ford Will Announce Decision on Application for New Trial Today.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Justice Ford will hand down his decision on Charles Becker's application for a new trial this afternoon, his secretary announced today. The secretary also stated Justice Ford was of the opinion that it was unnecessary to call Becker or any other person as witnesses before deciding the main issue.

No intimation was given as to the nature of the coming decision, but lawyers who have followed the case closely expressed a belief that Becker would win his fight for a new trial.

Ogontz Contractor Disappears. A wife and four children await the return of Stephen J. Usher, 36 years old, an Ogontz contractor, who has been missing since July 13, following his discharge from the Abington Hospital, where he was treated for injuries received in an automobile accident.

According to the Cheltenham police, Usher was jolted from a wagon he was driving when it was struck by an automobile on York road. After having slight injuries about the head and body attended to at the Abington Hospital, he left for his home. He is believed to be wandering about in a state of aphasia.

Spruce Street Houses Robbed. A man accused of having robbed the unoccupied home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pearson, 2020 Spruce street and another house, 2128 Spruce street, was held without bail today by Magistrate Hagerty at the 11th and Pine streets police station for a further hearing to give police time to investigate the theory that he is the "trap-door" thief who has been robbing homes vacated by persons in town for the summer ever since the beginning of June.

George Morgan, who said he had no home, is the suspect. He was caught by private watchmen who heard a burglar alarm sound in the Pearce home and took Morgan after a struggle.

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"SLIPPERY" HARRY'S DEEDS, IN EIGHT REELS.

Caught After Baffling Police for Long Time — Prisoner Tells Amazing Story.

THE EXPLOITS OF "SLIPPERY" HARRY AS TOLD TO POLICE. During his busy season, Harry Dunn says he did the following:

Broke into a house at 1001 Woodland avenue and took silver valued at \$500.

Cropt through windows into a house on Pine street.

Cut through the ceiling of a clothing store on Vine street and made off with \$5 suits.

Spent a month collecting tools from machine shops on Calhoun street.

Counterfeited nickels until he had made \$1000. Counterfeited quarters until he had made \$1000.

Broke into Baltimore and Ohio Railroad wharf on Calhoun street.

Blackjacked two citizens.

Dodged the police.

Police at the 3d and Christian streets station suspended activities about the house for nearly a half hour today while "Slippery" Harry Dunn, who says he can't be bothered with a home, told them how he had fooled them since January while he counterfeited nickels and quarters, broke into houses, pawned silver, blackjacked citizens, robbed freight houses, wharves and machine shops and kept out of their clutches.

"Slippery" Harry said he would begin his story with January, because it was hard to remember further back than that. He began the tale with his experiences as a counterfeiter.

"I made \$1000 worth of nickels and nearly 800 cents," he said. "When I got my nerve back I opened a quarter factory and turned out a very high-grade product used by street car conductors, subway collectors and the movie houses."

Making money that way bored "Slippery" Harry after a time. His exploits in other fields led to his arrest yesterday at a junk shop at 4th and Kater streets, where, the police say, he was riding himself a lot of tools from machine shops and hit several citizens on the head.

"Slippery" ended. Magistrate Coward held him under \$1000 bail for a further hearing in a week. His story will be investigated.

JOHN P. GARBER NAMED TEMPORARY SCHOOL HEAD.

Associate Superintendent May Be Permanent Successor.

John P. Garber, associate superintendent of public schools, has been appointed temporary superintendent of schools by Mayor E. Edwards, president of the Board of Education, in accordance with a resolution offered at a meeting of that body yesterday by John Wankmacker.

The successor of the late Dr. William C. Jacobs began his new duties today. It is thought by many that when the Board of Education reconvenes in September that Doctor Garber will be selected to assume the superintendency permanently.

Others who are considered possible candidates for the office are Associate Superintendent George Wheeler and Oliver P. Corman. It is known, however, that Doctor Garber received the vote of David H. Lane for the superintendency to succeed Martin G. Brumbaugh.

Girard College Boys in Carnival.

The boys of Girard College who are unable to go to their homes for the summer vacation held an athletic carnival today at the college, under the auspices of the classes of 1915-1916-1917. There was boxing, wrestling, jujutau and field and track events. The committee in charge consists of Police Captain George Fempert, chairman; Lieutenant Frank Rodman, physical director of the Police Bureau, and "Lew" Bailey, all graduates of the college.

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REAR ADMIRAL W. B. CAPERTON. In command of the United States naval forces at Haiti.

TWO MORE EASTLAND VICTIMS FROM HERE.

Arrival of Philadelphians' Bodies Reveals Additional Quaker City Dead.

The bodies of Mrs. Mary Landsidel and her 6-year-old daughter, Naomi, formerly of Kensington, arriving at Broad Street Station today, brought to light the fact that Philadelphia victims of the Eastland excursion boat horror at Chicago number four instead of two. The bodies of the two other victims of the tragedy, Mrs. Nellie Fitzgerald and her daughter, Dorothy, came to this city on the same train.

Mrs. Landsidel, her husband, George, and their daughter went to Chicago two years ago. The funeral services for these two victims will be held at the home of Mrs. Landsidel's father, John S. Mansar, 3140 E. street, Kensington, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, Frankford.

The bodies of Mrs. Fitzgerald and her daughter were taken to the home of the woman's father, John O'Brien, of Lansdowne. Arrangements for the funeral are being delayed, pending the arrival in this city of John Fitzgerald, husband of the dead woman, who is a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, now attached to the battleship Michigan. He is expected to reach here some time today.

All branch plants of the Western Electric Company, under the auspices of whose employees the excursion party on the Eastland was conducted, are closed today in memory of the victims, including the plant in this city, 11th and York streets.

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MOB KILLS PRESIDENT OF HAITIAN REPUBLIC.

Revolutionary Troops Drag Him From French Legation and Shoot Him to Death.

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, July 28.—As a climax to the two days' revolution that has swept the Haitian capital, revolutionary troops today dragged President Guillaume from the French Legation, where he had taken refuge, and shot him in front of the building. Guillaume's body lay in the spot where it had fallen for several hours while the mob marched by.

The people of the capital are wrought to the highest pitch of excitement and further violence is anticipated. It is said that the mob which assassinated the president was made up chiefly of relatives of the 100 political prisoners who were put to death at the order of the executives.

Haiti is now without a recognized government head, although Dr. Rosalvo Ebnou, who is responsible for the present uprising, is expected to proclaim himself President. For several months, from a mountain fastness in northern Haiti, Doctor Ebnou has been working to overthrow President Guillaume.

The body of General Oscar, former Military Governor of Port au Prince, who carried out the order to execute the 100 prisoners, and who was dragged to the death by the Dominican Legation and shot to death, was buried today.

J. FRANKLIN MILLER DIES.

Widely Known Dealer in House Furnishings Expires From Apoplexy.

J. Franklin Miller, a widely known dealer in house furnishings, died today at his home, 4009 Springfield avenue. He returned from his place of business, 1628 Chestnut street, yesterday in apparently good health, but was attacked by apoplexy late last night. He became unconscious early this morning and remained so until he died.

Mr. Miller was the son of James Miller, who served six terms in the Legislature. He is survived by a widow and three daughters. The funeral will be held Friday.

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